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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) San Diego – 26 in Custody after Mass Raid Targets Street Gangs and Mexican Mafia**

(U) Hundreds of federal agents and local law enforcement officers conducted dozens of raids across the county on 20 September, arresting alleged gang members and others with suspected gang ties on drug, gun, racketeering and other charges. The raids were part of a yearlong investigation targeting alleged members of several San Diego-area street gangs and the Mexican Mafia. Violent Crimes Gang Task Force seized nearly 230 firearms and seven pounds of methamphetamine, according to the office of the US Attorney for the Southern District of California.

SOURCE: 20 September 2018, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Authorities Seize \$644K in Drugs in Failed Smuggling Attempt**

(U) Nogales – US Customs and Border Protection officers at Arizona's Port of Nogales arrested a Mexican national involved in connection with a failed attempt to smuggle a combination of 77 pounds of heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine into the United States. CBP officers removed three packages of cocaine, 5 packages of heroin and more than 30 packages of methamphetamines from his Chevrolet sedan.

SOURCE: 20 September 2018, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – Senators' Gmail Accounts Targeted By Foreign Hackers**

(U) Washington DC – The personal Gmail accounts of an unspecified number of US senators and Senate staff have been targeted by foreign government hackers, a Google spokesperson confirmed to CNN yesterday. The senators and their staff targeted were both Republicans and Democrats, a Senate aide told CNN. Google would not say whether the targeting had resulted in a successful hack but pointed to a blog post on its website about its government-backed hacking warnings that says, "We send these out of an abundance of caution, the notice does not necessarily mean that the account has been compromised or that there is a widespread attack. Rather, the notice reflects our assessment that a government-backed attacker has likely attempted to access the user's account or computer through phishing or malware, for example."

SOURCE: 20 September 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) New York – New York City Announce Security Plans for UN General Assembly

(U) Manhattan – The NYPD, Secret Service and FBI announced enhanced security measures in place for the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, which began on 18 September and runs through 1 October. In addition, the NYPD issued a traffic advisory for the event and was joined by the NYC Department of Transportation, which provided information about upcoming gridlock alert days and the increased traffic volume expected in Midtown Manhattan. During the General Assembly, New York City will host about 200 dignitaries from around the world. To help ensure the safety of all New Yorkers,

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the NYPD and its law enforcement partners on the federal, state and local levels will provide thousands of highly-trained uniformed and plain-clothes officers throughout the entire event..

SOURCE: 20 September 2018, [ABC 7 NY](#)

(U) New York – Five Stabbed, Including Three Infants at NYC Day Care

(U) Queens – A 52-year-old day care worker allegedly stabbed five people, including three baby girls no more than a month old, at an overnight facility in Queens. Cops say they found a butcher knife and meat cleaver at the scene. The babies, ages three days old, one month old, and 20 days old, are all in critical but stable condition, authorities said. The suspect was found unconscious on the basement floor of the day care center with her left wrist slashed from a self-inflicted wound. She is in police custody at an area hospital; officials said she has regained consciousness, but it's unclear if she's talking. No motive has been released.

SOURCE: 21 September 2018, [NBC Bay Area](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – Germany Arrests Woman Accused of ISIS Membership**

(U) Berlin – German police have arrested a 20 year old German-Algerian woman on suspicion of serving in ISIS. She traveled to Syria as a teenager in October 2013, where she received firearms training and married an ISIS fighter from Germany in 2014, according to prosecutors. Her and her husband conducted “guard and police duties” in ISIS-controlled areas and she is also alleged to have tried to recruit others in Europe to join ISIS and, together with her husband, received about \$118 a month from the group.

SOURCE: 21 September 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Syria – Kurdish Authorities Say They Cannot Hold Foreign ISIS Fighters Indefinitely

(U) Qamishli – Kurdish-led authorities controlling northeastern Syria will not be able to hold foreign ISIS fighters indefinitely, and their home countries should take them back, a senior official there said yesterday. Abdulkarim Omar, joint head of foreign relations in the Kurdish-led area, told journalists its administration was holding around 500 foreign fighters and 500 family members from around 40 countries, following last year's defeat of ISIS in nearly all territory it once held in Syria and Iraq. Omar said the administration in the area lacked the resources to properly rehabilitate so many prisoners and because they are dangerous and they committed massacres, their presence in our detention is an opportunity for the international community to put them on trial.

SOURCE: 20 September 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Tanzania – At least 136 Drowned in Lake Victoria Ferry Sinking; Death Toll could Top 200

(U) Ukerewe – At least 136 people drowned when a ferry sank in Tanzania's Lake Victoria and government officials feared the final death toll could be more than 200. Initial estimates showed that the ferry was carrying more than 300 people onboard. It went down in the afternoon just a few meters from the dock in Ukerewe district.

SOURCE: 21 September 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Britain To Create 2000-Strong Cyber Force To Tackle Russian Threat

(U) England – Britain is significantly increasing its ability to wage war in cyberspace with the creation of a new offensive cyber force of up to 2,000 personnel, Sky News reported on Thursday. The new force, which is expected to be announced soon, will be comprised of Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) officials, military personnel and contractors, it looks set to receive more than 250

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million pounds in funding, a source told Sky. The plan by the Ministry of Defence and GCHQ comes amid a growing cyber threat from Russia and after Britain used cyber weapons for the first time to fight ISIS. SOURCE: 20 September 2018, [Reuters](#)

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